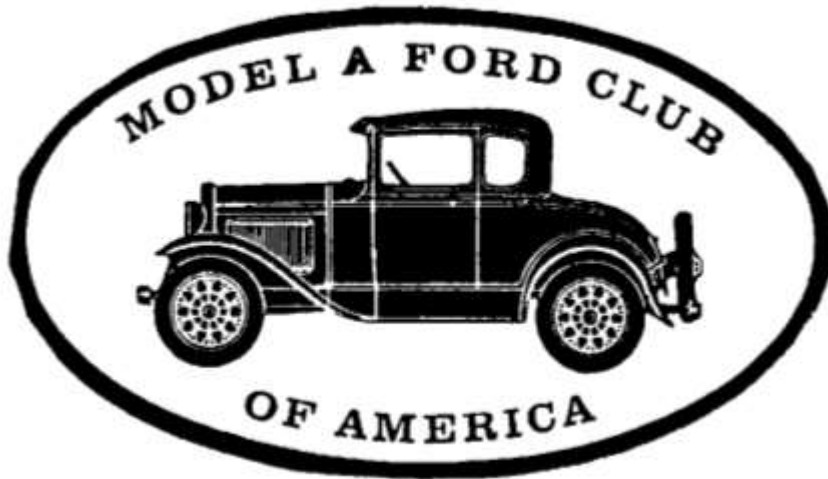


A GUIDE TO THE MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA SAGEBRUSH CHAPTER COLLECTION (MS/NC 924)

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MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA SAGEBRUSH CHAPTER

The Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) was a not-for-profit corporation of California and a historical society with chapters throughout the United States and Canada. The Sagebrush Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America was established in June 1961 and incorporated in September 1966. The Sagebrush Chapter was the only chapter in Northern Nevada. Its headquarters were in Carson City, Nevada.

The Sagebrush Chapter of the MAFCA was dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford automobile in its original likeness as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. The club acted as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information, and parts for admirers of the Model A. It was not necessary to own a Model A to be a member of the club.

In addition to monthly meetings, the Sagebrush Chapter sponsored events throughout the year for its members. With other car clubs located in the area, the Sagebrush Chapter would tour areas in Northern Nevada and California. Activities during these tours would include picnics, one-day and multiple day excursions, as well as other tourist activities.

The Sagebrush Chapter's biggest club event was the Labor Day Field Meet, which was held over the Labor Day weekend in Carson City. The chapter would also host other Model A Clubs and events such as judging, a gymkana, a rally, and an awards banquet.

The Sagebrush Chapter issued a monthly publication called the "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS." The newsletter included information on the Northern Nevada club and information about other chapters of the Model A Ford Club of America. Articles about the Model A Ford and relating to the years of its manufacture were also included in the newsletter.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

The Model A Ford Club of America Sagebrush Chapter collection consists of general information about the club, minutes of meetings, some financial records, the chapter newsletter ("AH-OOO-GAH NEWS"), scrapbook materials, and information relating to the annual Labor Day field meets.

The general information group includes the Sagebrush Chapter's articles of incorporation and by-laws. It also includes membership lists (1964-1988) and rosters (1962-2004). The correspondence consists of letters between different chapters of the Model A Ford Club throughout the United States and Canada, relating to both chapter and club events. Also included in the general information is correspondence relating to the repair of, and registration for, the Sagebrush Chapter Club truck. There are also legal documents providing the members with the means to use the license plate "Old Timer" with consecutive numbers, on any automobile that was made prior to 1941. The Sagebrush Chapter engaged in Swap Meets, of which brochures, registration, and official directories are included. Every year, the chapter would engage in a tour of an area of Northern Nevada or California. Destination information, maps, activities, and correspondence relating to these tours for the years 1974-1998 are in the general information files.

In the general information files are materials relating to the event "A Reno Date in '98 " "A Reno Date in '98" was a national Model A convention hosted by the Sagebrush Chapter in Reno, Nevada, in 1998. At their annual Labor Day Field Meet, the Model A Ford Club of America Sagebrush Chapter would often engage in gymkana activities (sporting contests). Information about such events and activities is also included here.

The Sagebrush Chapter Miscellaneous file contains information about the Northern Nevada chapter, including a Sagebrush rally that was held in 1981. The Model A Miscellaneous file includes information about the Model A Ford itself. Among the items here are a Hubely's Model A kit, a brochure for a Ford Museum, and several "Do Not Touch" signs used at different events when the Model As were on display.

The Sagebrush Chapter met throughout the year, usually once a month. Minutes kept for each meeting are included for the period 1961-2004. The Club finances were also documented for the years 1975-2002.

The Sagebrush Chapter's newsletter, the "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS," includes information on the Northern Nevada club, other chapters of the Model A Ford Club of America, and articles about the Model A Ford and which relate to the years of its manufacture.

The tours and events in which the Sagebrush Chapter participated between the years 1962-2001 are chronicled in newspaper clippings and photos kept in nine scrapbooks and three envelopes. In some cases, a journal or chronicle of events of a particular tour is included with the scrapbook materials.

Every year, the Sagebrush Chapter hosted a Labor Day Field Meet. Information relating to these field meets, including activity suggestions, registration, press releases, committee members, and miscellaneous information is included. While the information relates to the field meets in general, it covers the years 1974-1997.

I. General Files

- 1 Articles of Incorporation 1966
- 2 By-Laws
- 3 Guidelines & Guidebook 1961-2004 (includes list of past officers)
- 4 Membership Lists 1964-1988
- 5 Rosters 1962-2004
- 6 Meeting Attendance Sign-in 1971-1997
- 7 Correspondence 1976-1980
- 8 Correspondence 1981-1983
- 9 Correspondence 1992-1994
- 10 Correspondence 1995-1996
- 11 Sagebrush Chapter Club Truck
- 12 "Old Timer" License Plates
- 13 Membership Card, Letterhead
- 14 Swap Meets 1978-1979
- 15 Tours 1974-1998
- 16 "A Reno Date in '98" Convention 1998
- 17 40th Anniversary Certificate (2001) 2001
- 18 Gymkana Information
- 19 Sagebrush Chapter Misc.
- 20 Model A Misc.

II. Minutes & Finances

Box 2 Meeting Minutes 1961-2000

Box 3 Meeting Minutes 2001-2004

Box 3 Continue Minutes & Finances

- 1 Finances 1975-1994
- 2 Finances 1995-1998
- 3 Finances 1999

- 4 Finances 2000
- 5 Finances 2001
- 6 Finances 2002
- 7 Financial ledger 1982-1997

III. Newsletter

Box 4

- 1 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1961-1965
- 2 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1966-1969
- 3 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1970-1974
- 4 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1980-1984
- 5 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1985-1989
- 6 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1964-1973

Box 5

- 1 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1998-2001
- 2 "AH-OOO-GAH NEWS" Newsletter 1998-2004

IV. Scrapbooks

Box 6

- 1 Scrapbook 1961-1972
- 2 Scrapbook 1962-1969
- 3 Scrapbook 1969-1972
- 4 Scrapbook 1972-1973
- 5 Scrapbook 1973
- 6 Scrapbook 1974-1976
- 7 Scrapbook 1976
- 8 Scrapbook 1976-1977
- 9 Scrapbook 1977
- 10 Scrapbook 1977

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| 11 | Photos, Misc. Scrapbook Material | 1985-1992 |
| 12 | Photos, Misc. Scrapbook Material | 1998-2001 |
| 13 | Photos, Misc. Scrapbook Material | 1998-2001 |

V. Field Meets

Box 7

Misc. info, relating to the annual Labor Day Field Meet the Club hosts

- 1 1997 Labor Day Field Meet
- 2 1997 Labor Day Field Meet
- 3 1997 Labor Day Field Meet
- 4 1999-2003 Labor Day Field Meet